

St. Rita Catholic Church

1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Avenue

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May 2, 2021

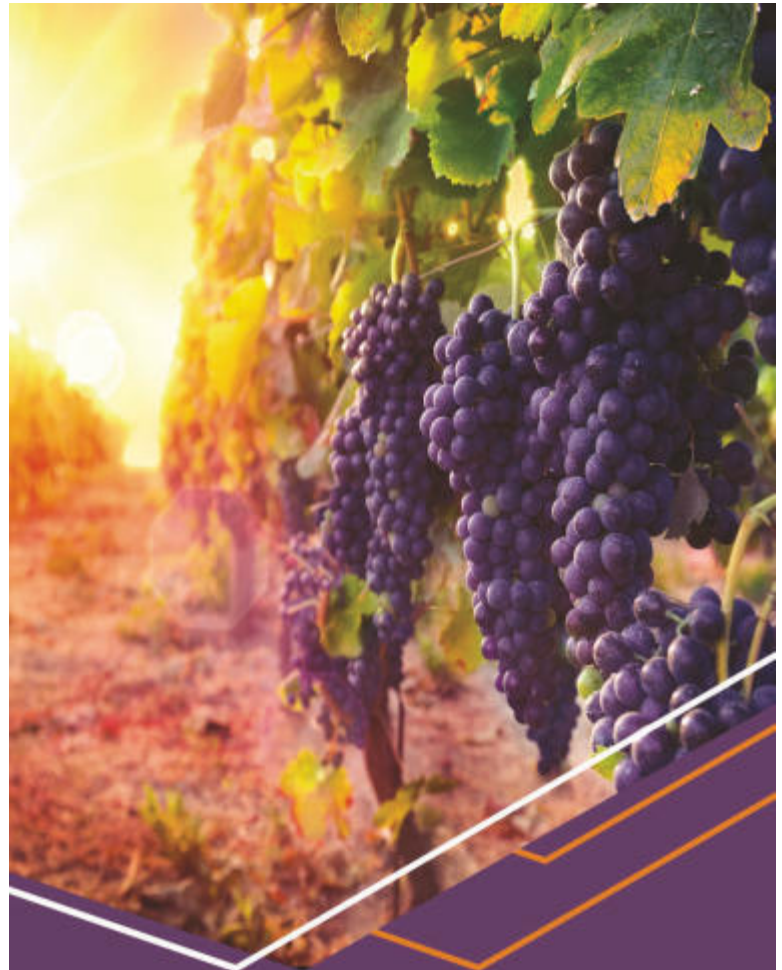
St. Rita Catholic Church Mission Statement

We the parish of St. Rita, a Catholic Community of Faith are called by the risen Lord to love God the Father We believe that Ministry is the Power of the Holy Spirit, therefore, we encourage, support and provide opportunities, so that everyone may participate in and be recipients of the Church's Mission Ministry. We aspire to deepen our understanding of Christ's Good News and to Serve our neighbor of the Gospel. We realize the necessity and accept the responsibility to work for justice and human dignity. We realize the necessity and accept the responsibility of supporting ourselves as a parish. We invite everyone to join in celebrating and witnessing the presence of the risen Lord among us.

Parish Office Hours	Mon-Thur 9:00am—4:30 pm
Rectory Telephone Number	317-632-9349
Parish Life Coordinator	Sister Gail Trippett, CSJ
Deacon	Deacon Oliver Jackson
DRE/ Youth Director	Anita Bardo
Administrative Assistant	Denise Gavia-Currin
Bookkeeper	Angela Guynn
Music Director	Phyllis Walker
Activity Coordinator	Vivian Hill
Parish Council Chair	Kerry Conwell
Finance Council Chair	Sharon Edwards
Management & Operations	Marty Ray

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Sunday 11:00 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 am	
Holy Day Masses will be announced	
Baptism by Appointment	
St. Rita Church Website	www.stritaindy.church
St. Rita Secretary Email	stritasecretary71@yahoo.com



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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We are the Hands of Christ through our Outreach Ministries

Keep Indiana Beautiful (KIB)
Tree planting in the neighborhood

Changing Lives Forever
Breaking the Cycle of Poverty
Next session TBA (18 sessions)

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Utility, furniture and food assistance
Special collection - Every 5th Sunday

ST. RITA CHURCH INFORMATION

Weddings

Engaged couples must contact the Parish Life Coordinator no later than six months prior to the actual wedding day: This Archdiocesan regulation is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament.

Sick Calls

Anytime - notify the priest. In case of hospital emergency, ask a nurse to call the chaplain or St. Rita Parish at 317-632-9349.

Death Funerals

Please contact the Parish Life Coordinator, Sister Gail Trippett CSJ, immediately to arrange services.

Religious Education

Please call the Rectory or Anita Bardo

New Parishioners

Kindly register at the Rectory upon arrival.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 9:00 a.m (1) week prior to publication.

Send email to: stritasecretary71@yahoo.com

Pope Francis Quote:

“Like a branch is part of a vine ‘Christians cannot distance themselves from communion with the Risen Christ. If, on the contrary, one should lose communion with Him, he would become sterile, or rather, harmful to the community.’”

Pope Francis Intention for May:

The World of Finance: Let us pray those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Mass Sign-Up Links:

We need to increase our coordination for Mass signup so that we maintain the COVID safety protocols as more people are returning to Mass.

1. Complete the survey in the Flocknotes to let us know if you are vaccinated.
2. Reserve a seat on the SignUpgenius site or call the office and let us know how many are coming from your family.
3. Call the office to let us know if you will be attending if you don't have a computer.

Month of May:

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ways to honor Mary are to pray the rosary, plant a flower or give a flower as a gift to someone, attend an extra Mass per week, or visit a place devoted to Mary.

MASS INTENTIONS

11:00 am	Sunday	May 2	Father Joe
			+Wynona Chatmon Rest In Peace: Chatmon
No Mass	Monday	May 3	
11:00 am	Tuesday	May 4	Father Andy
No Mass	Wednesday	May 5	
11:00 am	Thursday	May 6	Father Joe
			+Geraldine C. Chaney Rest In Peace
			Requested by: Joe A. Parker
No Mass	Friday	May 7	
6:00 pm	Saturday	May 8	Father Andy
			For The People

PANDEMIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Presider	Father Andy Syberg
Lector	Chris Moorman
Cantor	Phyllis Walker/choir
Extraordinary Minister	Father Andy Syberg

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are once again accepting nominations for the parish council. Nominees must be an active member in good standing of the parish and 18 years of age or older. Nomination forms can be found in the newsflash and names emailed to Phyllis Carr at [phyllis5115 @att.net](mailto:phyllis5115@att.net) or contact the parish office.

ST. RITA SPECIAL FUNDS	CURRENT BALANCE
Bell Tower Fund	\$21,432.63
Tuck Pointing Fund	\$ 1,130.00
Kitchenette Fund	\$ 8,773.41
Youth Ministry Fund	\$ 3,868.49
Heat Pump Fund	\$ 2,269.35
Boiler Fund	\$ 3,782.49

MAY 2021/ BIRTHDAYS

1-Irene Patton	29-Tina Barber
3-Benjamin Hidalgo	31-Hazel Beard
10-Dollie Smith	31-Iesha Vitalis
16-Sister Veronica	
18-Julia Guynn	
18-Nannette Blair	
18-Michael Joseph	
19-Elmetra Scheck	
20-Olivia Phillips	
26-Sister Gail Trippett	
26-John Laners	
26-Caleb Legg	
27-Ashlee Wyatt	

FIRST FRUITS AND PARISH SUSTAINABILITY

April 24 & 25, 2021

National Collections:

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land	20.00
Catholic Home Mission	40.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	12.00
Education of Future Archdiocesan Priests	23.00
Peter's Pence-Work of the Holy Father	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	5.00

Special Collections (Placed in ADLF)

Tuck Pointing	45.00
Bell Tower	200.00
Boiler	45.00

Church Budget Collections

1st Collection	1,095.00
2nd Collection	56.00
Donations	986.00
Building & Maintenance	135.00

TOTAL BUDGET COLLECTED: \$2,272.00

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6,247.00

SHORTFALL/BUDGET (-\$3,975.00)

Support our Parish:

Smile.Amazon.com-Select St. Rita as your charity of choice. SCRIP Program coming soon.

Special Collection: Helping the World Community

Second Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal-May 16th. Catholic Communication Campaign-May 16th

Calendar Raffle Winners

Kenneth Miller, 4/27, \$50, #397
Sarita Sharp, 4/28, \$25, #714
Nicole Reid, 4/29, \$25, #685
Alessandra Shepard, 4/30, \$25, #685

Please let the office know if there are names to be deleted their names due to healing or transitioning to new life.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday: Confirmation classes, 10:00 AM
Sunday: CCD ZOOM classes, 9:00 AM

Reflection from Sister Gail

Have you ever observed a plant that appears to be dead? The leaves droop over the edge of the pot, seemingly beyond reviving. Instead of throwing the plant away, you faithfully water it anyway. In a few days the plant that was ready for the garbage has leaves reaching for the light. Jesus is our life giving water. His spirit within us can revive a soul that was once dead to the love of God.

Saul is a witness to this life giving transformation. Saul was treacherous and an aggressive killer of Christians. Who would believe that a soul so against everything Jesus stood for could become someone willing to die in defense of Jesus? The apostles couldn't believe his transformation in the beginning. They were afraid to be around him. They were still learning what it meant by the verse, "A branch cannot bear fruit all by itself."

Saul had drunk the living water of Jesus and it changed him forever. After the spirit of Jesus consumed him, he could only reflect the love, goodness and forgiveness he received through his encounter with Christ. After receiving Jesus' forgiveness, Saul had to forgive his own ignorance. Once he discovered the blindness within himself, he could live trying to pass on the gift he had received.

Is Jesus love, peace and forgiveness rooted in you so deeply that you pass on these gifts in every situation you encounter? Is your soul on fire with the spirit of Jesus so deeply that nothing can keep you from spreading unity, love and forgiveness? When your heart forgets whose child you are, touch the hand of Jesus and reconnect with the vine of everlasting life. You too like Saul can be healed of anything human.

Prayer Corner

Special Prayers for:

**Reposed soul of Angela Brown
Samson Olarewaju**

Call our Prayer line and leave the names of those in the hospital, sick, or names of those who have returned to the Lord.

ST. RITA PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

Please remember to pray for the sick and shut in:

Shaun Currin, Mary White, Gary Franklin, Samson Olarewaju, Dwayne Keehlen, Adrian Johnson, Kerry Conwell, Mya Davis, Baby Makayla Owens, Baby D.J. Matthews, Angela Jones, Sallie Fields, Hazel Beard, Jhana Hayes, Clois Jenkins, Frank Ray, Goldene Carter, Maria Amos, Ann Ray, Carol & Carman Dearman, Niikita Liggins, Mel & Minnie Blaylock, Fr. Andy Syberg, Msgr. Tony Volz, Fr. Justin DuVall, Fr. Joe Moriarty & family, Martha Riley, Tina Barber & family, Joann Combs, Bruce Ray, Eddie Carr, Rosemary Lee, Glorianne Messer, Cecelia Wisdom, Benjamin & Erma Hidalgo, Ann Ray, Rosemary Wade, Debra Hardin, David Boone, Linda Johnson, Gwen White, Rita Williams, Mary Agnes Brown

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